

I feel very weary but I hope we will reach
Mosoul in 4 days more & be off of all these troubles.
Mr. Richardson who was unwell ^{since} two days
is better today. He dined at 7 & turned in at
9 p.m.

25 October. We were awakened at 4 a.m. and
at 4 1/2 we moved in the darkness. Today we had
to make not only a long station but all the
way from here till Lijjar is infested with
murderous brigands & assassins of Yzidis ^{S. J.}
who ~~was~~ were let a caravan traverse their
country without molesting them & ask ransoms,
anyhow we pushed forward with 4 pack animals
the remainder have been kept behind with
the Patrak who travel at 5 every day on
account of his carriage. At sunrise we
were already beginning to march on the left of
the magnificent mountain of the Yzidis, which
we will have to pass only in Lijjar day after
tomorrow. At about half past seven we remarked
in the distance for the first time some Yzidis working
& ploughing but soon three murderous looking Yzidis
came to us from the mountain with their
knives on the shoulder & began to walk with

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the Caravan but as our Caravan was immensely
a big one & was at that moment dispersed,
and of the fendarms (knowing what the three Yidis
mean by coming to us) sounded the
trumpet to collect all the fendarms & the
caravan but the three brigands approached
some people & let them understand that
they want ransom from all the caravan.
Seeing this we all stood in our spot & sounded
again the trumpet to let the other fendarms with
the Archbishop to hear us but when the 3 Yidis
saw us decided to make no attention to them
they turned their heads & returned to their village which
is indeed very interesting. This village or rather inn
excavated in the mountain is in a large valley
& from outside is nothing to be seen. Further
in the valley some others came & tried to ask the
same thing at last at 9 a mounted Yidis
approached us & decidedly pressed on the head of
the fendarms to follow him but he treated him
& he left. This place is very dangerous & we
then saw the Turkes fight the Yidis & last evening
they are king of themselves & everywhere from them
all along they say they have built protectors of